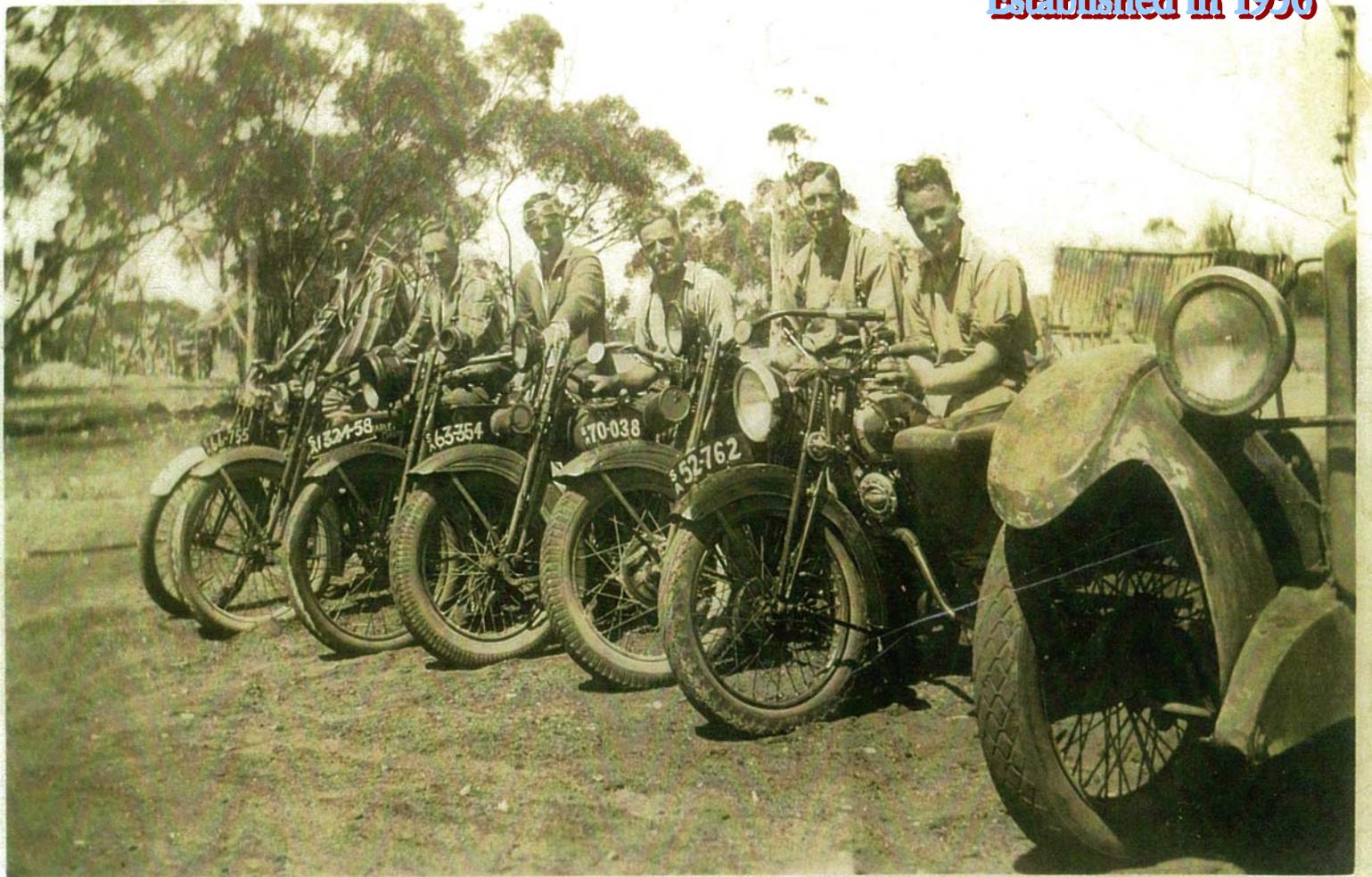




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THE VETERAN & VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED.

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Machines manufactured prior to **January 1st 1966** are eligible for Club Events.

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Members.

Log book days will be coming soon. For those members with vehicle's on historic registration, you need to have paid your subscriptions, have the statutory declaration completed along with log book's and registration paper's ready.

60th rally and the 2017 National Veteran Rally committees are gradually forming from members of the club. The committee will not be big, but will rely on members to assist when asked to ensure the event will be successful. The committee sent out a flyer seeking input from members about both events, 20 returns out of 320 member is poor response. Those people who have registered their interest to co-ordinate, assist and run this event is appreciated.

Brian Forth. President.

Two Major VVMCCSA Events in 2016 and 2017.

In late 1956 a few local old motorcycle enthusiasts decided that a Club should be formed to cover their interest in old bikes. Their efforts culminated in the formation of the Veteran & Vintage Motorcycle Club of South Australia in November 1956.

In 2016 our Club as a group will be 60 years old which is a significant milestone for any special interest club. We are planning a party! However because we are motorcyclists, with old bikes, it will be a week long party called the 60th Anniversary Rally. A subcommittee is being formed to start planning and organising that Rally.

South Australia has a long standing reputation for running excellent rallies. They are excellent rallies because of how they are thought out and organised, they are well organised and the result is that people come from near and far and really enjoy themselves with old motorcycles. The rallies support the inclusion of wives and partners as you make longstanding friendships by being with people over a week and there are other activities apart from the daily ride. People partake in an easygoing social setting.

As motorcyclists there is a tradition that everyone is equal and if a bike requires to be repaired everyone knows that many hands make light work and that an engine can actually be rebuilt overnight in a caravan park or similar with just a few local resources. Anybody who has been on these rallies before knows that this is how you actually meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

If the 55th rally and other such runs are any guide, the runs will be held over a week which will include 5 daily runs during the weekdays and it is probable that Wednesday will be a shorter run. Therefore, if you have weak and feeble or earlier machine, Wednesday is the day. On this day there is no such thing as having a slow bike and you can be "proceeding with dignity" or simply "admiring the view" as you genteelly proceed along the route.

Discussions have centred around a rally north of Adelaide where primarily there will be suitable accommodation for all (possibly up to 150 riders), little traffic and as with past rallies the committee will make arrangements for excellent weather.

While the organising committee will only be small in number there will be a number of tasks that are required to be performed during the rally and that will include marshalling rallies, pulling back-up trailers, helping with catering arrangements such as morning teas and lunches and many other small tasks. If you come within the wide range of human appearance, based on the duck principle, you are capable of helping your Club by performing some of these tasks. As members you may expect to be approached for your assistance and remember that the Club has your address and contact details, so nobody is safe.

The organising committee will shortly decide on the precise location and dates but at this stage it is suggested that you think very carefully about what you are doing in the period of September, October, November of 2016 because this rally will provide a very enjoyable break/holiday and interstate motorcyclists will plan to attend the rally as part of their holidays. Tell your kids and any relevant others that they cannot get married in this time period, so that you will be free to go. Wives, when the date is fixed write it in the list of important dates, like the oil change dates for his favourite motorcycle and that will ensure you are free to attend.

A week of good fellowship with your fellow enthusiasts and their wives and families provides both an extra dimension and a highly enjoyable component of the activities of this Club. While we may expect a lot of our own Club members to ride in the rally you will meet and get to know like minded enthusiasts from other states and meet and make new friends.

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VMCCSA Committee Meeting 24th March 2014 at Goodwood rooms.

In Attendance--Brian Forth, Bob Gill, Terry Rowe, Paul Knapp, Ray Collins, Daryl Rosser, Les Jolly, Ian Hese and Bill Lorimer.

Minutes of February meeting presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, no discussion. Acceptance moved Paul Knapp and Seconded Terry Rowe, Carried.

Treasurers report. Presented by Terry Rowe, some discussion re Subsidies for meals etc. Acceptance moved Ian Hese, Seconded Les Jolly and Carried.

New Members. Applications received from Jake Bonnici and Peter Noskovic. Final reading and ratification of Michael Meek, Peter Emes and Wayne Lawson.

Correspondence In.

- 1 Receipt from Aust Post for Mailbox rental.
- 2 Invoice from Adelaide Hills Council for hire of Bushland Park at Lobethal for Potato Day.
- 3 Minutes of Federation Feb. Meeting.
- 4 Letter from Aust. Historic Motoring Federation re. National Classic Car Rally 20th to 27th September 2014.

Emails In and Out.

- 1 New Zealand BSA Owners Club Magazine.
- 2 From Stephen Hooper to Messenger Newspapers re. Moseley Sq Display.
- 3 From Cathy Lux of MRA with details of Ridden on Ride, 6th April 2014 and thanks from the MRA for the donation of Club Marquee.
- 4 From Julie Fauser, she has a Velocette engine MSS394 and gearbox she wants to sell
- 5 From Mara Bendo at Goodwood Community Club re. Aust. Post community grants.
- 6 From Kathryn Taylor of Port Augusta Vehicle Restorers Club re their rally, Flinders Odyssey, at Blinman, 13th and 14th Sept 2014.

Publications Received.

- 1/ The Bulbhorn from Mildura VVC; 2/ MAPS Review from Maitland APS; 3/ Bush Chatter from Sunraysia HMC
- Acceptance Moved Ray Collins, Seconded Daryl Rosser, Carried.

Runs, Rides, and Events.

- 30th March Moseley Sq. Display.
20th April Eastern Hills Ride—its on Easter weekend.
Extensive discussion re possible ride routes for future dates.

General Business.

Discussion re donation to Men's Shed as suggested by Stephen Hooper, no firm commitment at this time , still for future consideration.

Bob Gill tabled **amendments to our constitution** as required by the Federation and Dept of Consumer and Business Affairs. Bob Gill and Bill Lorimer have visited the Dept, where it was pointed out that some rewording was required. This was discussed at length and agreed that this is necessary and that the **amendments be read at the May, June and July General Meetings as required.** Please note that the changes do not effect the members or club rules in any in any way.

Paul Knapp pointed out that as the June meeting is Trophy Night, all perpetual trophies must be returned by or at the May meeting.

Meeting closed .

Moseley Square—30th March 2014.

Leon Mitchell 1915Lennox
Colin Behn 1920 Harley Davidson flat twin
Brian Forth 1923 Elliott
Daryl Rosser 1924 AJS
Rod Carr 1924 BSA
Brian Forth 1927 Harley Davidson
Carolyn Jenner 1928 Indian
Terry Rowe 1929 Raleigh
Rob Smyth 1929 Cammy AJS
David Cant 1930 Indian 4
Malcolm Mackay 1930 Sloper BSA
Phil Jenner 1934 Harley Davidson
Rod Carr 1938 SS80 Brough Superior
Robert Bergin 1939 Indian Despatch Tow
Matthew Croucher 1942 BSA WM20
Brian Norton 1942 WLA Harley Davidson
Doc Robertson 1948 Harley Davidson
Lyndon Rogers 1948 Vincent
Paul Wahlstedt 1949 Matchless
Ted Williams 1949 Triumph
Simon Thompson 1949 Ogar
Bob Tilbrook 1950 & 1959 BSA's
Stephen Hooper 1950 AJS
Geoff Thompson 1951 Jawa
Pat Vartuli 1952 AJS Twin
Garry Harding 1952 Ariel Red Hunter
Graeme Bartlett 1952 Norton
John Deacon 1954 Panther
Steve Jenner 1955 BSA
Kym Moreton 1955 Triumph
Neil Caust 1958 James
Dave Jackson 1959 Triumph T/Bird
Bob Gill 1960 BMW
Paul Knapp 1969 Triumph Bonneville
Paul Stoyanoff 1980 BMW
Peter Arriola 1974 Honda
Peter Yates & Max 2014 Indian

Minutes of VVMCCSA General Meeting 689, at Payneham RSL, 11th March 2014.

Brian Forth chaired the meeting.

Visitors. Wayne Lawson ,and from the MRA, Peter Mount, Cathy Lux and Ebi Lux.

Minutes of February meeting presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, no discussion Acceptance moved Philip Holmes, Seconded Bob Tilbrook, Carried.

Who are we. Eric and Mary Jenner at Two Mile Crossing at Port Pirie.

Treasurers report presented by Terry Rowe, no discussion Acceptance Moved Bob Whitehead, Seconded Stephen Hooper.

New Members. Following applications read to members Peter Emes, Mike Meek and Wayne Lawson, presentation of membership made to Rian McGill.

Correspondence In.

- 1 WESTPAC bank statement
- 2 Australia Post account for PO Box
- 3 Invoice from Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial Park Community and Sports Club
- 4 Invoice from MTA for printing of Smoke Signal
- 5 Letter of Invitation from Mallala Motorsport to attend their activities.

Emails in and out.

- 1 From Leon Mitchell re Veteran Rally 2017 , reply sent
- 2 From Peter Allen re 60th Anniversary Rally and Veteran Rally
- 3 To John Burke (Veteran Rally Coordinator) re confirmation of rally allocation to VVMCCSA as official hosts for 2017
- 4 From Stephen Hooper re Rowley Park Reunion in Sept , reply sent
- 5 To Leon Mitchell re 60th Anniversary and Veteran Rallies
- 6 From Peter Allen re both rallies
- 7 From Carolyn Jenner re 60th Anniversary Rally , reply sent
- 8 From Jan Blyton in Tasmania with 1982 Triumph Thunderbird for sale
- 9 From Stephen Hooper re Men's Shed donation
- 10 From Ray Phillips requesting info about 1947 DKW , reply sent
- 11 From Malcolm Gray re confirmation of booking Bushland Park for Potato Day in June
- 12 From Phil Jenner re meeting procedures.

Publications Received

- 1 Restore and Ride from Coffs Harbour MRC; 2 MAPS Review from Maitland APS;
 - 3 The Bulletin of Veteran Car Club SA; 4 The Radiator from Riverland V&CCC;
 - 5 The Throttle Lever from Newcastle VMCC; 6 Vintage Chatter from VMCCWA;
- Acceptance moved Ray Collins, Seconded Colin Behn, Carried.

Runs Rides and Events

- 16th March Birdwood Figure 8, maps on page 15 of magazine, Museum gates open 9.30am.
30th March Moseley Square Static Display, 10am-1pm
20th April Eastern Hills Ride from Feathers Hotel.

General Business

Peter Mount from MRA gave a talk & overview of the Xmas Toy Run and the aims of the MRA
Peter Allen gave an outline of what has transpired re the gathering together of a team/committee to get the organising of our forthcoming rallies underway .

Philip Holmes Moved a motion that the Club accept Peter Allen's suggestions for the initial 60th Anniversary committee & that Leon Mitchell Chair a committee to organise the Veteran Rally, 2nd Dean Govan, Carried

Leon Mitchell brought in and displayed his Douglas 1924 racing machine and gave a very interesting talk about the machine and its history, many members took the opportunity to give it a good going over and ask questions after the meeting closed.

Buy Sell and Swap read to the meeting.

Meeting closed

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1996 Kawasaki KLR250, 25000km, new tyres, kick start only; \$2100 ono; Colin Behn 0407070287 (Feb14)

Swastika tanks transfers—two (2) pair of \$40; Jim Spratt 82764349 (April4).

1 x 12 Volt 35/35 watt Quartz Halogen bulb to suit the earlier British Pre-Focus type of headlamp fitted to bikes from late 1940s to the 1970s up until the introduction of the sealed beam unit. \$15 NEW in box. Paul Knapp 82430130; (April14);

1937 Motorcycle Club of South Australia year book by Wal J Murphy, 65 pages good condition, Jim Spratt 892764349 (March14)

1947 Triumph Speed Twin, 1485kms. a Bruce McKenzie build, fully restored, excellent condition \$15000.00ono Reg no TIM.471 Contact Craig 0885364535 or craig.ferguson70@hotmail.com. (Mar14)

Whitworth Spanners, 10 sockets, 3/16 to 9/16. 4 rings, 1/4 to 9/16. \$60. Peter Wilksch. 0431 53010 82696894 (Mar14).

AJS 1950 competition 350CC, alloy motor, eng nr G1052 50/16m, 1954 frame, dismantled, comp magneto, no generator \$2800 Ono; Don Raethal 0402 355 799 (April14)

2007 Triumph Bonneville, 31,500km, S/A YZR034, lots of extras \$10,500 ono. Paul Wallis 0449737945

Harley Davidson WLA clutch hub but wrench, new production \$130; Paul Wallis 0449737945

Wanted.

Pre WW1 photographs of motorcycles and car wanted, can copy and return. Leon Mitchell 8278 5120;

1935 Rudge 500cc genuine gearbox housing. A person in NZ looking for a genuine housing. Contact Brian Kuerschner on 0418854565 or nipper@nipper.net.au

1929 Douglas— headlight brackets to suit; Garry Harding 0448644999 (Feb14)

BSA 1937 350cc Empire Star HB24— wanted 20 inch front rim; Simon Mussared 0422090701 (Feb14)

AJS 1929 M4 350cc s/v—wanted any parts for AJS please; Jim Mottillo 0412830593 (Feb14)

Jawa Californian—2 wheels to suit, 19 inch 36 spokes or similar; Kerry Hill 83862510 (Feb14)

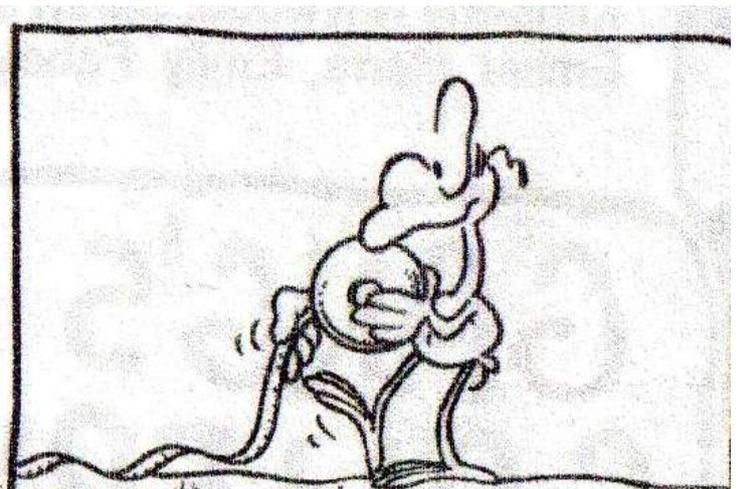
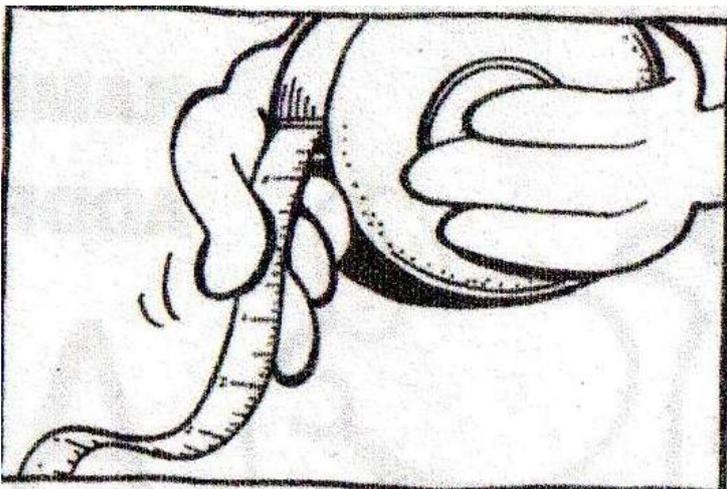
Heinkel Perle—left side clutch cover; Brett Mitchell 0438379788 (Feb14)

Small Jap motorcycle, 2 or 4 stroke as a restoration project for grandson; John BYLES 82623965 (Feb14).

Sidecar chassis and body, wanted for a 1929 Norton motorcycle; Reg Hancock 85708125 (Mar14)

BSA m20, rear wheel assembly, Mike Schell 0403 250 505 (April14)

It all happened when I was asked how far can a VVMCCSA member travel from the start on a Tiddler run? Here is the answer.



Club Runs & Events.

All members participating in **Club Runs MUST lodge a Rally Entry Form** with the Club Captain before the event. This ensures that you are covered for Third Party Property and Public Risk from home, on the Run and return to home. This is a Club requirement. Please be sure to fill out your **Historic Registration Logbook** before leaving home and make sure you **carry it every time you go riding**, this is a legal requirement. Enquiries to Brian Forth on 0409 514 213 (President & Club Captain).

Back-up trailer is required every run—please volunteer your services for a run. Every ride has to be covered, please contact me & nominate a ride. Reimbursement of \$60 for petrol money.

2014 events.

**** denotes club point s event****

April

8th **General meeting 690** Payneham RSL clubrooms

****20** **Eastern ride**—morning tea stop Birdwood?

May

13th **General Meeting 691** Payneham RSL.

****18** **NE Hills ride—you let me know where**

June

10th **General Meeting 692** Payneham RSL Clubrooms. **Trophy Presentation & basket supper**

**** 15** **Bushland Park—Lobethal potato day.** Malcolm Gray organizer. Menu TBA

July

8th **General Meeting 693** Payneham RSL clubrooms + **Annual General Meeting.**

****20** **Museum or ride**—depending on the weather conditions.

August.

12th **General meeting 694.** Payneham RSL Clubrooms.

****24th** **Southern Vales—Tiddler run** with a **Southern style BBQ** afterwards

September

9th **General Meeting 694.** Payneham RSL Clubrooms.

****21st** **North or North East ride**, unknown destination.

October

14th **General meeting 695,** Payneham RSL clubrooms

****19th** **Dan Moriarty annual eastern hills ride.** Starting from Feathers Hotel

2014- Invitational Events –too numerous to mention, see Committee and General meeting minutes for information. **(Not club runs, but members are welcome to join them)**



Down Under Jampot Rally on 24th, 25th and 26th October 2014 .



All owners and those interested in Ariels are invited on morning rides held on the 1st Sunday of each month starting from Thorndon Park Reserve car park Hamilton Tce. off Gorge Rd. Paradise. Meet from 9am for 9.30 start. For further info phone Dave 82635562 or John 82623965,

Classic Owners Mid Week runs— members are invited to join the **Classic Owners** on their run on the first Wednesday & third Tuesday of each Month, **Hawthorn Cres at Hazelwood Park at 10:00am.**

SWAP MEETS - Any new dates or swap meets please advise editor, check this site - <http://www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm>

HAHNDORF-	19th January 2014	Victor Harbor	2nd February
Lockleys school	2nd February 2014	BALLARAT –	22-23 February 2014
CAMPBELLTOWN –	9th Mach 2014	CLARE–	16th March 2014
WOODSIDE –	30th March 2014;	NARACOORTE	3-4-5TH May 2014;
SEDAN –	15th June 2014.	KAPUNDA-	25th May 2014;
ANGLE PARK/Dry Creek	27th July 2014;	WILLUNGA –	17th August 2014;
GAWLER -	21st September 2014;	VVMCC MOTORCYCLE ONLY	5th Oct 2014.
STRATHALBYN –	19th Oct 2014;	BENDIGO –	17-18th Nov 2014;
GAWLER Motorcycle expo	- 18 Nov 2014		

Historic Registration.

Please ensure you complete your new logbooks before leaving home and that you carry it with you when riding the motorcycle the book is allocated to. **Enquiries to Bob Gill 82584982 (north) - Or - Phil Jenner 83706664 (South).**



VVMCCSA members at National Motor Museum

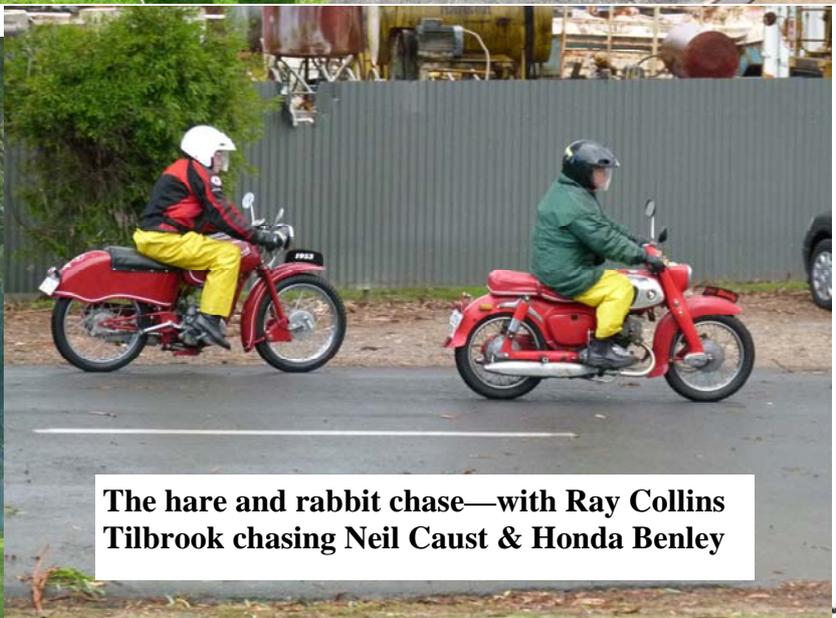


David Holbrook, Don Cellier Rob Whitehead



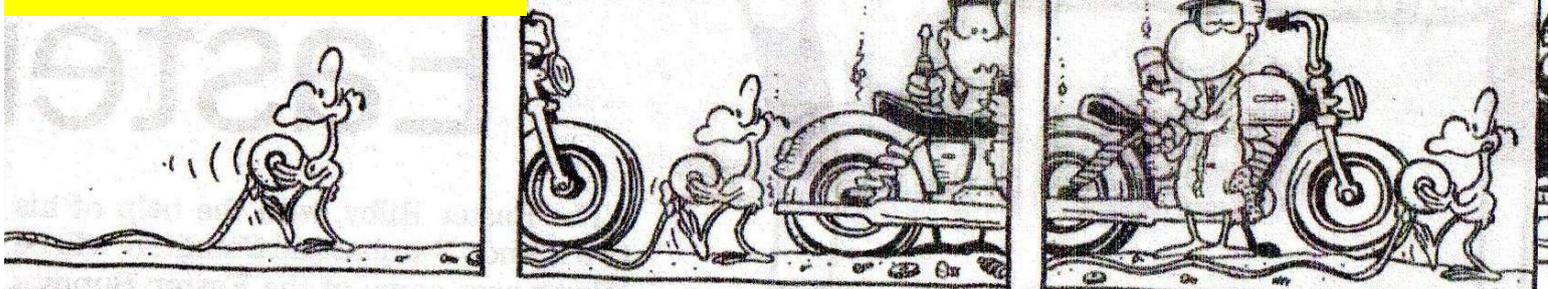
Rob Smyth, Don Celier, John Booker & David Holbrook— at Melba's chocolate factory

Environmental damage at Birdwood—A unknown member warming up his two stroke bike



The hare and rabbit chase—with Ray Collins Tilbrook chasing Neil Caust & Honda Benley

I didn't think they could go this far?



Loveable rouses— Brian Forth & Tony Morisset on a lean.



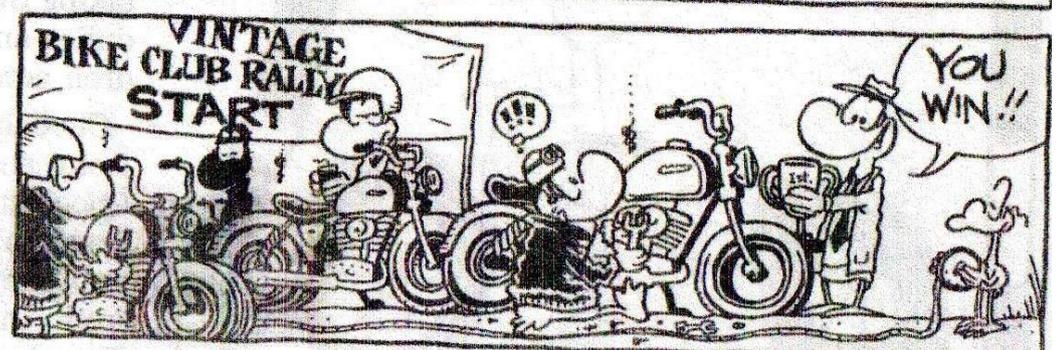
Stephen Hooper & Bob Tilbrook



Leon Mitchell & 1915 Lenox



above - VVMCCSA display. Left—Doc Robertson & 1948 Harley



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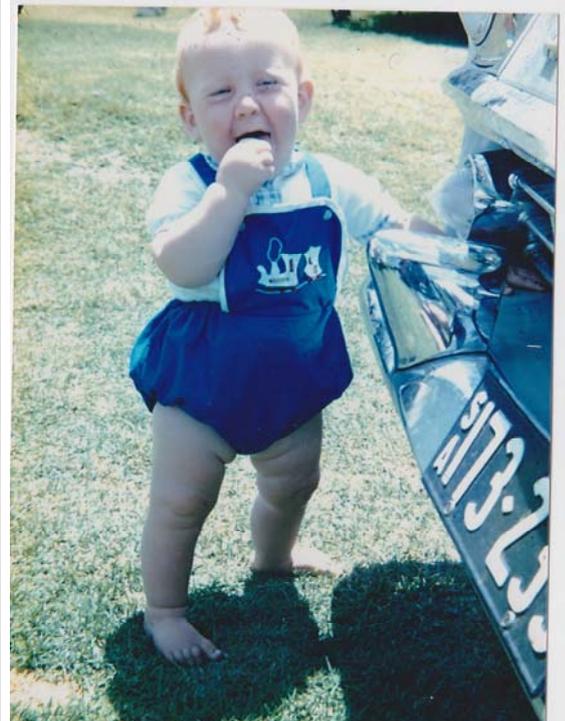
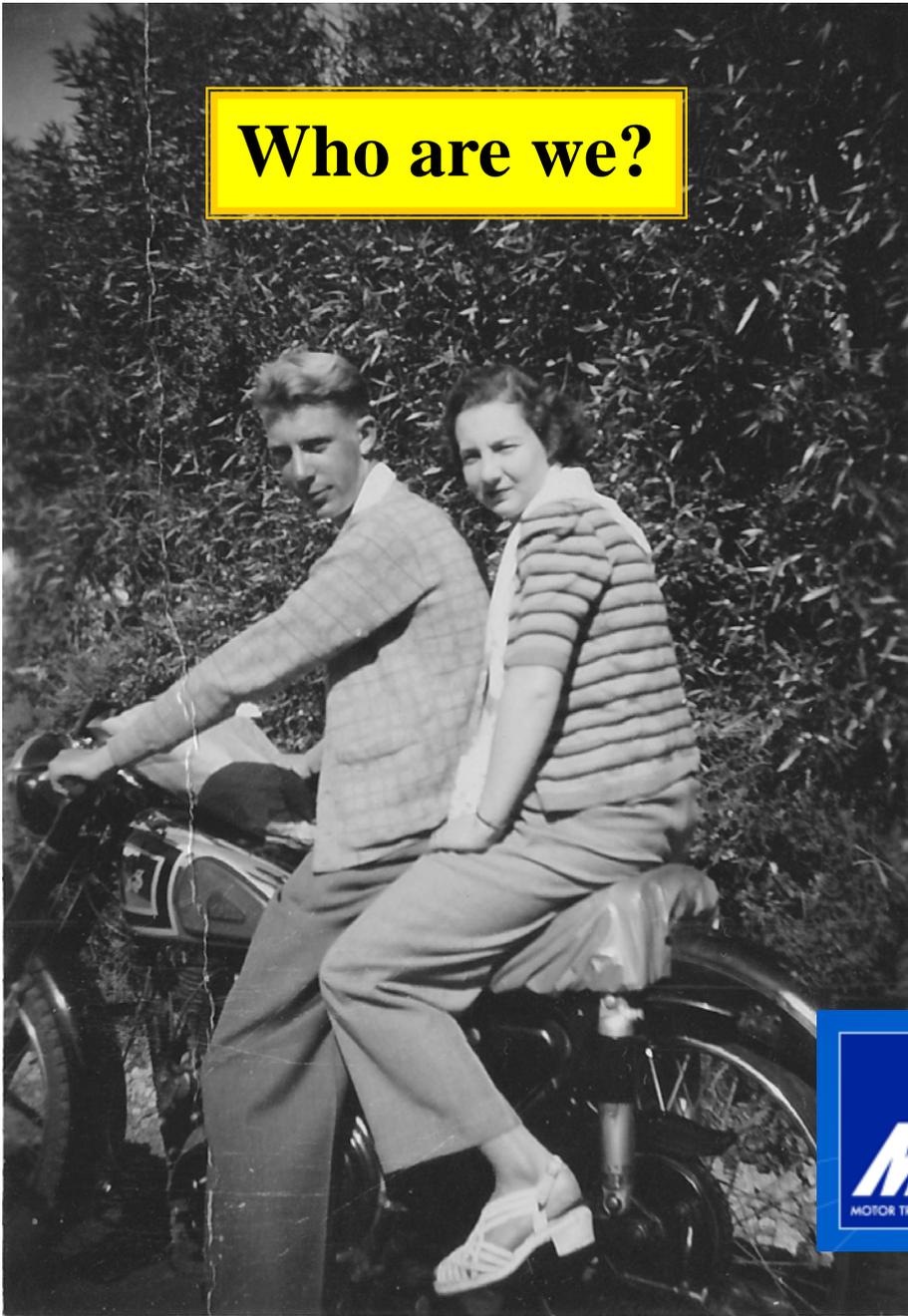
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Eric and Mary Jenner at Two Mile
Crossing near Port Pirie.

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Elliston Uniting Church.

From the minutes of the church committee the following happened. Rev. J. C. Richmond was the local minister and part of his duties to visit the surrounding Circuit district and conduct service once per quarter. His first means of transport was a horse. On the 29th June 1914 Mr. Fraser address the meeting with regard to the inefficiency of the pony and proposed that the circuit purchase a pony from Mr Thompson. On the 15th July 1915, it was asked that steps be taken throughout the Circuit to procure a motor cycle and that Mrs Walkley and Miss Gunn be asked to undertake collecting for it. The motor cycles was purchased and is as shown S/A registered 537.

22nd Sept 1927 a "Sunday School opened at Lock", Proposed Mr. Noske Seconded Mr. Cheyne that Mr. Cook be given the Circuit Motorcycle in exchange for paddocking the Pony. We don't know who Mr Cook is or what he did with the bike but it appears he either gave it or sold it to Mr J Murdock of Warooka Or Mr W C Lampshead of Kainton as both names seem to appear in registration records.

The motorcycle is a 500cc Norton, almost identical to the one restored for Doug Bennett's, has pedals like the one owned by Reg Hancock.



Bill Lorimer and Terry Parker

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Two Major VVMCCSA Events in 2016 and 2017

Given that the eligibility of bikes for our own Club is up to 1966 it would be terrific if we could have a rally consisting of pre-1966 bikes but at the same time given that we are an ageing population the committee may look favourably upon electric start bikes if you have already received your OBE, within the last ten years.

The second major event is the **National Veteran Motorcycle Rally** which is held every second year in Australia and is exclusively for veteran machines, i.e. those built prior to December 1918. Obviously as a rally this is more specialised in that it has to cater for those machines, some of which have no clutch or gearbox and where braking is largely an illusion. This is a rally for the 'true believers' who really do understand the basic principle that nobody actually made real motorcycles after 1930.

This is a prestigious event and your Club previously run this rally at Nuriootpa. A committee similar to the 60th Rally Committee is to be formed to make plans for this event which will be held in about September 2017 after the next national veteran rally takes place at Ararat in Victoria in 2015. You may think that Veteran rallies don't relate to you, however everyone should aspire to raise the quality of their life and this is only really achieved after you have experienced veteran motorcycles, which is motorcycling in its purist form without all the later complications.

Your Club the VVMCCSA has kindly agreed that the Veteran rally can again be conducted under the VVMCCSA umbrella. As with the 60th Anniversary Rally this Club will be actively involved and as with the 60th there will be much that members can do to assist. The fact that you may not have a veteran bike is no reason why you should not be involved in some way. The organising committee will hopefully meet shortly and appoint the dates and place when this rally is to be held and similarly assistance will be sought from the members to deliver another excellent South Australian rally.

There appear to be a few themes which are emerging at Veteran rallies, such as Australian made bikes, and it is hoped that 20-25 Australian made motorcycles might be present, including some made in South Australia. It is not presently known where this event will be held, but given the enthusiasm that exists for the event generally, one enthusiast has already raised the possibility of Mt Gambier which we know has straight, flat roads and not a lot of traffic, which are good conditions for veterans.

You should not be put off from offering assistance by the fact that you don't know anything about veteran bikes. This is the way to learn about them and hopefully you too can rise to become one of the true believers. Life is much simpler without dynamos, brake drums, gearboxes and rear suspension to go wrong.

In summary, watch this space for further information and your club will be calling on you.

Peter Allen

Brian FORTH, President VVMCCSA

Moseley Square Display—Sunday 30th March 2014

Stephen Hopper once again arranged a motorcycle Display at Moseley Square Glenelg on March 30 2014 which had been changed from the original date week earlier (because of council booking).

I was able to ride my 1920 Harley from home to Glenelg with quite a lot of people slowing to my 50 Kph to have a look while riding along Cross roads and Anzac Highway and Walkers turning to watch me go past.

When I turned off Jetty Road to go down to the side of The Grand, I noticed Phil and Caroline Jenner with 2 Indians unloading, the met Steven Hooper directing the bikes up to the front of the Grand Hotel and to Moseley Square at walking pace much to the surprise to people walking along the foreshore at 9.30 am.

There were already about a dozen bikes present and we finished up with about 40 in total. Bikes ranged in age from Leon's 1914 Lennox to a 2013 Indian, other bikes included BSA Bantam export, Vincent, Brough Superior SS80, AJS, BSA, Matchless, Norton, a couple of BMW, Indian Tri-car, four and vee twins, Flat and Vee Twin Harleys and 3 Benelli twins to name a few. A James must have decided it like the company it was in, as I noticed it did not want to start straight away when it was time to ride home.

There were a large number of people of all ages stopping to look and walk around the bikes and talking to our club members. One lady from Austria took a couple of photos to send back to her son who is in a Biker Club back in Austria. We also had a few people come down from the Ducati Club Display at Wigley Reserve of Anzac Highway.

When I went over to the shop get my free Ice-cream, many of our club members were getting a number before their coffee fix. Some people asked me when I had bought the my Harley and appeared surprised to find it a family heirloom and wanted to know its story (*this includes the Editor*). A lot of people wanted to know what age the bikes were without a front plate information. I think President Brian has a good idea of having a A4 sheet of details attached to the front of his bikes. It was interesting to hear the comments of some of the Visitors " I do not like the look of that bike but I like that one over there" and the later someone else had exactly the opposite view.

There were a large number of people waiting to hear some of the bikes start up at the end, and when I started my Harley first kick and then left it idling while I put on my helmet and then used foot clutch to ride slowly away, there was a few photos taken (*and a smoke haze*). What a pleasant way to spend a morning, wonderful weather, great bikes on show and great people.

BMW reporter. (Borneo Most Wanted) Colin Behn

The sun was shining and a cool sea breeze blew in around the motorcycles lined up at the end of Jetty Road, the display is now a regular event down at the bay and the general public were treated to a fine show of vintage and veteran motorcycles of varying styles and makes. The very well organized display was coordinated by Stephen Hooper. We must also thank the Council for their ongoing support in relation to the use of premium space in Mosley Square

I'm sure the public were wondering about the sudden in flow of motorcycles making their way via various roads, tracks and pathways, at that time in the morning there seemed to be a lot of people doing what they do at the bay, ie running, walking, drinking, sitting and or eating, some were out for quiet breakfast however the sound of the motorcycles alerted the whole of jetty road that something was happening near the square

The display was due to start at 10am and in some form of orderly procession, the club members on their motorcycles made their way to the square, the bikes are set out in two long rows, some in their shiny new coats of paint and chrome projecting an air of rejuvenated vitality, some of the bikes remain with an original patina and are left to sit and show their qualified age with grace and dignity. By 1015 the public were engaged in full discussion of their favourite motorcycle, everyone had a story to tell about their favourite bike, " grandad had one of those, my uncle rode one like that, I sold one, I wanted one, I crashed one, the stories were endless, even the club members were engaged in conversation, all with a fond memory of an experience riding, watching or being involved with a particular motorcycle.

The two rows of motorcycles allowed the public to be completely immersed in old metal with members willing to explain the differences between any of the bikes, The age and gender of the interested public were varied but the common thread was that of preservation and restoration and an amazement that the motorcycles looked so good and that the bikes were used regularly on club runs...

Over the next three hours hundreds of people wandered down to observe the club display, and I believe all had a very positive experience, even if it was to pass the time away, or even if by accidental exposure to the display, I believe that there would be some discussion at the dinner table tonight or indeed at some other time, about "that" motorbike display down at the bay on Sunday morning.

The club thanks the members for allocating the time and effort to make this display a great success, club promotion and membership is vital to keep the VVMCCSA alive and well

Special thanks to Leon for bringing his very rare 1915 Lenox original unrestored motorcycle, other rarities include the 48 panhead Harley with twin carbs, the two beautiful little BSA bantams, and for Maria Vartuli and her friend Larena for the photograph on the 39 Indian Dispatch Tow.

Rob Bergin (trainee reporter)



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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I attended the Birdwood Figure of 8 last Sunday 16th march a run I have always looked out for. The day was a little cool to start with and wet to some but overall a dam good day out, so if you didn't make the effort to come out because of the weather forecast you bloody well missed out. Anyway my short story starts after the ride was concluded at Birdwood by then the sun was out and absolutely bute. I had a very uneventful but relaxing ride almost home. my bike a 1964 BSA A50 had run well all day until I got to the intersection of Marion Rd and cross roads. I was waiting at the traffic lights behind a bloke on a late model Harley thinking hum, not my cup of tea but at least it had 2 wheels. So the lights change thinking I'm only 1/2 mile from home pulled away and 1/2 way across the road I lost all power. Fortunately there is a gas station on the opposite corner so I rolled into there driveway and ground to a halt. My first thought was I have a BSA with an American 2 gallon tank and the sometimes strong head winds of the day with my long route home, I assumed I was in the right place, put some fuel in the tank. Now, much to the amazement of the console operator I unlashed the bag from the rack on the back of my bike were I hide a 5lt fuel can and promptly dropped the contents in the tank, throw the leg and kick but stuff me no one home. O'dear scratch the head then think battery so pushed the horn button and no one home ahhh, I thinks no power so I try the headlamp and still no one home. Ahhh a eureka moment try the master fuse but not having the reading glasses bugger it I can't see it well enough but no problem i have spare fuses so put one in and kick. No bastard home again, well scratch the grey cells again lets look at the wiring and aaahhhh I have 3 power supply wires soldered into a common eye terminal and this terminal (over 11 years) had fractured , so what do I do now?

Then I think in the tool box is a trusty small roll of wire so a MacGyver moment (come on all of us remember that TV show) so I braided some wire to equal the thickness of the cables and wound around the end of the cables still attached to the broken part of the terminal then wrapped it around the battery eye bolt and then I kicked it once and it started. I packed it all up then went over to the console operator and said thanks for not giving me a hard time and said I would return to fill my car that same day, And I did and won a new friend, (he rode in his early years). Thanks for a lovely ride in the hills, trouble happens not far from home.

Chris Magor, Member 390, 1964 BSA a50

Chris Magor (hat on), Martin Blindell and Paul Wallis working on his HD WLA



Chris Magor's BSA outfit SA-236

Birdwood Figure 8—Sunday 16th March 2014.

Sunday morning arrive with dark sky's and threatening clouds witch produced a spot of rain here and there. Members braved the wintery conditions and gathered on the lawns at the rear of the Birdwood National Motor museum for the club's annual Birdwood figure 8 ride. We have two rides in one day interrupted by lunch if your motorcycle doesn't let you down.

36 members & families gathered, unloaded motorcycles, checked fuel levels and completed finer adjustments to their bikes before they suited up with water proof clothes and were ready to ride. Leon Mitchell was seen sorting out Rodney's Attwood's 1915 New Hudson for the afternoon run.

Rob Smyth agreed to captain the ride and then briefed members about the ride to Melba's chocolate factory at Woodside. He then gathered up the marshals and headed off. This was my first time riding in the backup vehicle driven by Ian Hese, and it gave me another perspective of the ride where one comes across expired motorcycles with frustrated members.



Rob Smyth and the ride marshals

First was Rein Gerritsen on his 1924 Indian Standard which had decided to expire after excessive smoke was seen coming out of the exhaust, it was placed on the trailer. Then over the hill we found Marie Hurley's and her BSA Bantam stationary with a handing problem and loss of power, Marie was conveyed by son Ken Hurley. Then we arrived in Woodside to find Ken Olsen on his reliable Matchless 500 stationery and watching him madly kicking with no response, it too was placed on the trailer and of to Melba's chocolate factory.

Rein Gerritsen & Indian smoke trails



This was a regroup stop, but members were allowed to purchase 'energy food' for the return ride back to Museum which was uneventful.

Meanwhile back at the Museum, Leon Mitchell was 'sorting' out Rodney Attwood's 1915 New Hudson, preparing it for the afternoon ride. Well, Leon had the New Hudson running, went for a 'shake down' ride and to fuel up the beastie when the motorcycle stopped, the was cause was a loose nut on the primary sprocket coming loose and jamming the chain in the chain case, luckily no damage but one bike placed back into Leon's van, no more was said about the New Hudson. Afternoon ride was a short run with about 10

members participating and no expired motorcycles. ***Drovers Dog***



Rein Gerritsen, Ian Hese with Ken Olsson and the expired Matchless

BIRDWOOD FIGURE 8 RIDE 16-03-2014

Name Year Make Solo/Outfit

Bob Gill 1913 BSA Solo

Leon Mitchell trying out Rodney Attwoods

1915 New Hudson

Bob Whithead 1918 Healing Jap

Colin Behn 1920 Harley Davidson

Dave Holbrook 1925 New Imperial

Rien Gerritson 1924 Indian

Rob Smyth 1929 AJS

David Cant 1941 Indian

Paul Wallis 1942 Harley Davidson FTO

Alf Lear 1948 Ariel O/Fit

Ted Williams 1949 Triumph

Ken Olsson 1949 Matchless

Marie Hurley 1950 BSA

Paul Knapp 1951 Norton

Mal Mackay 1951 BSA

Graeme Bartlett 1952 Norton

Ray Collins 1953 Tilbrook

Colin Behn 1953 AJS

Steve Jenner 1955 BSA

Daryl Rosser 1956 Triumph

Kevin Wilson 19?? Adler

Dave Jackson 1960 Ariel

Kevin Meade 1960 BSA O/Fit

Neil Caust 1961 Honda

Chris Magor 1964 BSA o/fit

John Booker 1966 Velocette

Martin Blindell 1967 Triumph

Don Cellier 1974 BMW

Peter Arriola 1974 Honda

Adrian How 1990 Yamaha

Geoff Anderson 1992 BMW

Ian Baldock 1993 Honda

Pud Freeman 2000 Yongshen

Ian Hese Back up trailer



Paul Knapp, Ted Williams and others waiting to ride



Ian Hese

Rob Smyth



Nr 3 - Malcolm McKay in his speedway days



Martin Blindell

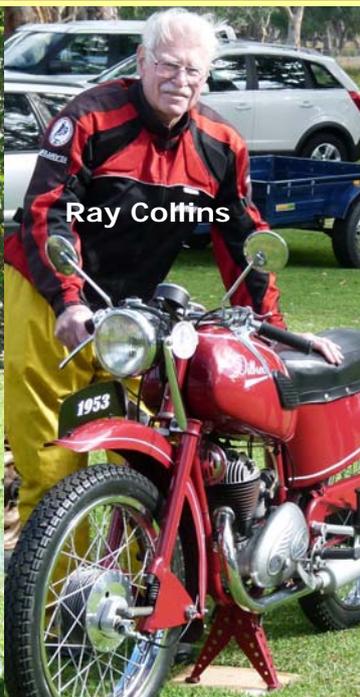
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Paul Wallis—1942 Harley Davidson WLA



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